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Applicant: Giles, et al.

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CONFIGURABLE CHANNEL ALLOCATION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 18, 2004

Dear Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants also herby petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time for response through December 20, 2004 (a Monday). The Commissioner is authorized to charge fees associated with this petition and with this action and application in general to the undersigned's credit card in accordance with the attached authorization form.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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